

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2021
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2021, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: ABSENT	COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges reported the Ordinance Committee has been “in touch” with Coded Systems. Mrs. Hodges stated the committee is moving forward with putting the ordinances together adding they will present a clean copy for the Mayor and Council to review and adopt.

Council President Oglesby commented on the correspondence from the Lakehurst Volunteer Fire Company adding the fire company also needs approval from Police Chief Kline.

Mr. Oglesby reported Senator Booker's office is interested in acquiring a mutual aid agreement for the borough and the base for both fire and EMS. Mr. Oglesby stated the original 2008 mutual aid agreement states the base will respond to all working structural fires adding Senator Booker would like to expand the agreement to all fire calls and all first aid calls. Mr. Oglesby also stated the agreement is not to take the place of both fire and first aid departments but to work in support with the departments.

Councilman Lowe suggested that the police chief be involved with the mutual aid agreement planning.

Mr. Oglesby stated one of the challenges is convincing the attorneys. Mr. Oglesby further stated that when the government looks at potential base closures, one of things they look at is how well the base interacts with the neighboring municipalities adding the mutual aid agreement would be a benefit for both.

Representatives for 6 Union Avenue spoke in regard to the demolition of the building on the property.

Attorney Joseph Coronato stated he and Engineer Massimo Yezzi are here tonight to explain where they were at with the demolish, their plans for the property and to answer any questions the Mayor or Council may have. Mr. Coronato explained they have begun the Certificate of Filing application with the Pinelands adding there are quite a few steps to the process.

Mayor Robbins asked "what step" they were on.

Mr. Coronato answered that they were on step one which is filling out the application and gathering materials that need to be submitted with the application. Mr. Coronato stated he had asked the Pinelands to expedite the application adding the Pinelands said they will try to do so.

Mr. Oglesby asked if the Pinelands are aware that the building is a hazard and imminent danger of collapsing.

Mr. Coronato answered in the affirmative. Mr. Coronato stated he took pictures of the building to be sent with the application.

Mayor Robbins asked the name of the person they have spoke with at the Pinelands adding he himself will reach out to them to make them aware that this building cannot be restored and that it needs to come down as soon as possible.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk